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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket No: A382-USA		
Application Serial Number: 10/711,154		Filing Date: 8/27/2004		Examiner: Timothy M. Speer		Art Unit: 1775
Invention: MATERIAL AND METHOD TO PREVENT LOW TEMPERATURE DEGRADATION OF ZIRCONIA IN BIOMEDICAL IMPLANTS						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7	MINUS	12	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	2	0	\$200	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						
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12/6/05 Date		 Gary D. Schnittgrund Reg. No. 42130				
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Oleh Zajac						

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1–12 are pending in the parent application. Claims 6–12 are withdrawn in accord with a provisional election with traverse by Applicant on about October 27, 2005.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schubert in view of Hida.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schubert in view of Hida and further in view of Toibana.